

Algebra V (2) Factorising Quadratics with double brackets

Do now: PUT INTO BRACKETS

Factorise these completely.

1 $5x^3 + 15x^4$

$5x^3(1 + 3x)$

2 $27a^4 + 9a^2$

$= 9a^2(3a^2 + 1)$

3 $3x^3 - 18x^2$

$= 3x^2(x - 6)$

4 $24p^4 - 6p^5$

$= 6p^4(4 - p)$

5 $9x^3y^2 - 12x^2y^4$

$= 3x^2y^2(3x - 4y^2)$

6 $8xy^3 - 24x^3y$

$= 4xy(2y^2 - 6x^2)$
 $= 8xy(y^2 - 3x^2)$

Extension

25 $(x - y)^2 - (x - y)^3$

$(x - y)^2 - (x - y)^2(x - y)$
 $= (1 - x + y)(x - y)^2$

26 $x(x + 1)(x + 3)(x + 5) - x(x + 3)(x + 5)$

$(x + 1 - 1)[x(x + 3)(x + 5)]$
 $= x[x(x + 3)(x + 5)]$
 $= x^2(x + 3)(x + 5)$

Can you spot a pattern.....

$a^2 + 5a + 6$
 $(a + 2)(a + 3)$

$a^2 + 2a + 3a + 6$

$a^2 + 5a + 6$

$t^2 + 7t + 10$
 $(t + 5)(t + 2)$

$t^2 + 5t + 2t + 10$

$t^2 + 7t + 10$

$m^2 - 5m + 6$
 $(m - 2)(m - 3)$

$m^2 - 2m - 3m + 6$

$m^2 - 5m + 6$

$y^2 + 25y + 100$
 $(y + 20)(y + 5)$

$y^2 + 20y + 5y + 100$

$y^2 + 25y + 100$

$x^2 + x - 6$
 $(x - 2)(x + 3)$

$x^2 - 4x + 4$
 $(x - 2)^2$

Worked Example

$$x^2 - 10x + 21 =$$

sum product
↓ ↓

$$= (x - 7)(x - 3)$$

$$x^2 + 14x + 24 =$$

sum product
↓ ↓

$$= (x + 12)(x + 2)$$

Your Turn

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sum product
↓ ↓

$$= (x + 3)(x + 7)$$

$$x^2 - 2x - 24 =$$

sum product
↓ ↓

$$= (x - 6)(x + 4)$$

9 $x^2 + 1x - 56$

$$(x + 8)(x - 7)$$

10 $x^2 + 32x + 60$

$$(x + 30)(x + 2)$$

11 $x^2 - 6x - 27$

$$(x - 9)(x + 3)$$

12 $x^2 + 16x - 80$

$$(x + 20)(x - 4)$$

13 $x^2 + 14x + 13$

$$(x + 1)(x + 13)$$

14 $x^2 + 12x - 28$

$$(x + 14)(x - 2)$$

15 $x^2 + 2x - 80$

$$(x + 10)(x - 8)$$

16 $x^2 - 11x + 30$

$$(x - 6)(x - 5)$$

$$17 \quad x^2 + 8x - 48$$

$$(x + 12)(x - 4)$$

$$18 \quad x^2 + 18x + 72$$

$$(x + 6)(x + 12)$$

$$19 \quad x^2 + 17x + 52$$

$$(x + 13)(x + 4)$$

$$20 \quad x^2 - 12x - 28$$

$$(x - 14)(x + 2)$$

$$21 \quad x^2 + 11x + 24$$

$$(x + 3)(x + 8)$$

$$22 \quad x^2 - 11x - 42$$

$$(x - 14)(x + 3)$$

$$23 \quad x^2 - 18x + 32$$

$$(x - 16)(x - 2)$$

$$24 \quad x^2 - 7x - 60$$

$$(x - 12)(x + 5)$$

Factorise $6 + x^2 - 5x$

This needs to be rearranged into the familiar form,
i.e. x^2 term first, then the x term and finally the number.

$$6 + x^2 - 5x = x^2 - 5x + 6$$

$$= (x - 2)(x - 3)$$

Possible pairs:

1, 6, sum 7, reject
2, 3, sum 5, correct.

$$25 \quad 8 + x^2 + 9x = x^2 + 9x + 8$$

$$(x + 8)(x + 1)$$

$$29 \quad 9 + x^2 + 6x$$

$$(x + 3)^2$$

$$26 \quad 9 + x^2 - 6x = x^2 - 6x + 9$$

$$(x - 3)(x - 3) = (x - 3)^2$$

$$30 \quad 8 + x^2 - 9x$$

$$(x - 8)(x - 1)$$

$$27 \quad 11x + 28 + x^2 = x^2 + 11x + 28$$

$$(x + 4)(x + 7)$$

$$31 \quad 17x + 30 + x^2$$

$$(x - 15)(x - 2)$$

Factorise $x^2 + 6x + 9$

If you cannot see the numbers required, write down all the pairs whose product is 9.

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 + 6x + 9 &= (x + 3)(x + 3) \\ &= (x + 3)^2\end{aligned}$$

3×3 or
 1×9

Factorise

41 $x^2 + 10x + 25$

$$(x + 5)^2$$

45 $x^2 + 12x + 36$

$$(x + 6)^2$$

42 $x^2 - 10x + 25$

$$(x - 5)^2$$

46 $x^2 - 12x + 36$

$$(x - 6)^2$$

43 $x^2 + 4x + 4$

$$(x + 2)^2$$

47 $x^2 - 4x + 4$

$$(x - 2)^2$$

Factorise $6 - 5x - x^2$

When the x^2 term is negative, the terms should be arranged: number term, then the x term and finally the x^2 term. This means that the x term appears at the end of each bracket.

$$6 - 5x - x^2 = (6 + x)(1 - x)$$

2×3 or
 6×1

Factorise

1 $2 - x - x^2$

5 $6 - x - x^2$

2 $6 + x - x^2$

6 $2 + x - x^2$

3 $4 - 3x - x^2$

7 $8 - 2x - x^2$

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$$\begin{aligned} 1. \quad 2 - x - x^2 &= -1(x^2 + x - 2) \\ &= -1(x + 2)(x - 1) \\ &= \underline{(1 - x)(x + 2)} \quad \text{or} \quad (-2 + x)(x - 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2. \quad 6 + x - x^2 &= -(x^2 - x - 6) \\ &= -(x - 3)(x + 2) \\ &= \underline{(3 - x)(x + 2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3. \quad 4 - 3x - x^2 &= -(x^2 + 3x - 4) \\ &= -(x + 4)(x - 1) \\ &= (1 - x)(x + 4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4. \quad 8 + 2x - x^2 &= -(x^2 - 2x - 8) \\ &= -(x - 4)(x + 2) = (4 - x)(x + 2) \end{aligned}$$

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2×3 or
 6×1

Factorise

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6 $2 + x - x^2$

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7 $8 - 2x - x^2$

4 $8 + 2x - x^2$

8 $5 - 4x - x^2$

$$\begin{aligned} 5. \quad 6 - x - x^2 &= -(x^2 + x - 6) \\ &= -(x + 3)(x - 2) \\ &= (2 - x)(x + 3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 6. \quad 2 + x - x^2 &= -(x^2 - x - 2) \\ &= -(x - 2)(x + 1) \\ &= (2 - x)(x + 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7. \quad 8 - 2x - x^2 &= -(x^2 + 2x - 8) \\ &= -(x + 4)(x - 2) \\ &= (2 - x)(x + 4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 8. \quad 5 - 4x - x^2 &= -(x^2 + 4x - 5) \\ &= -(x + 5)(x - 1) \\ &= (1 - x)(x + 5) \end{aligned}$$